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SRI O. KORAN : May I know whether there are centres in the State which make shoes on a cottage industry basis and for which the Government give subsidy?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

Guinea-worm disease

* 2591 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased state—

(*a*) whether any survey of villages affected by guinea-worm disease was undertaken by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the names of villages surveyed and the action taken by the Government to combat the disease; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal for the provision of protected water-supply to such places in preference to other villages?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

T.A. to village menials

* 2592 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the village menials in a firka are compelled to take the tappals of the Firka Revenue Inspector to the Taluk Office and to the other officers residing at Taluk Headquarters;

(*b*) if so, whether they are given travelling allowance and daily allowance; and

(*c*) if so, at what rate?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : May I know why the central tappal system which is in force in the districts of Tanjore, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli and Salem should not be made applicable to the district of Tiruchirappalli also so that the concerned persons in that district may also receive the same remuneration for similar work done in Tiruchirappalli district also?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, this system is in force in the districts of Tanjore, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli, Salem, Chingleput and South Kanara and it is not in force in Tiruchirappalli district.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 678–679 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix II on pages 679–680 infra.